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Spy Cynthia's Last Chapter Saddest

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"THE ONLY MOURNERS were her husband and a maid" read the news dispatch yesterday announcing the death of "Cynthia," one of Britain's great World War I spies.

And so the final chapter in the life of a Washington debutante has ended.



Mrs. McNair

Cynthia was Betty Thorpe, honey-haired blue-eyed daughter of the late Col. and Mrs. George C. Thorpe. For those of us who remember her it was inconceivable that she could become involved in high level intrigue. And yet, perhaps it wasn't. She was intelligent, dignified and beautiful.

Arthur Pack, Commercial Counselor of the British Embassy here, fell in love with her and not long after their marriage they were transferred to Chile. They had a daughter, Denise.

She made a trip to London "on business" in 1940 and stopped off in Havana to attend a Pan American

conference. Then she joined her mother here.

Her spy activities for the Allies began here at that time and she met Charles Brousse, a French journalist and Press Attaché for France's wartime Vichy government. They worked together and were married at the end of the war.

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